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## PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Applicants petition the Commissioner to claim benefit of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/331,964, filed on December 30, 2002, for the above-referenced application.

The entire delay between the date the claim was due and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized under 37 CFR 1.17(t) to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0344/WBP, the fee of \$1,370.00.

Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this Petition, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit

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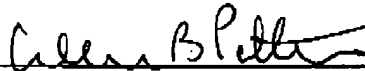
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Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0344/WBP, for any additional fees required to make this Petition acceptable to the US Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants respectfully submit the Petition and requests acceptance of priority claim.

Respectfully submitted,



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